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SYMINGTON HITS AT 'LEADERLESS DRIFTING' OF U.S.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 10.—The United States must end its "leaderless drifting" if it is to meet the challenge of growing Soviet military and economic power, United States Senator Stuart Symington declared in a campaign address here last night.

"Any person in this country willing to face the facts knows that the Communists are making war on us now—today—using diplomacy, economics, psychology, subversion — in short every known political and social weapon," he declared.

Symington, Democratic candidate for re-election, told a Buchanan county party rally that the American people have been "deceived and lulled into a false sense of security" because "bombs are falling" only in such far-off places as Beirut, Indonesia and Quemoy.

"The Russians have demonstrated the capacity to meet us on equal footing in the areas of our own greatest strength," the Missouri Senator said. "Not only have they outstripped us in the development of long-range ballistic missiles, but they also have made giant strides toward closing the gaps in large scale production."

Cites Output Figures.

He said the Central Intelligence Agency reported the Communists produced more steel in the first quarter this year than all the United States, and that Russia's output of machine tools is double that of the United States.

"The Russians are tooling up for the long haul," Symington continued. "They are investing in machinery at schools, preparing for the long-range economic and social struggle hoping to penetrate and finally conquer the United States."

"Having grown accustomed in the economic shadows of recession, we are being advised to have faith and everything will turn out all right. But bills passed by a Democratic Congress to meet these economic reverses are vetoed. And in the meantime we live billions of man hours in production which can never be replaced."

"To correct this lag, the elections of 1958 and 1960 may be the most important ever held in our history. Now, if ever, is the time for leadership. The American people have had enough of leaderless drifting." He predicted the Democratic party will achieve "the greatest series of victories" in the Nov. 4 general election by electing its candidates at all levels of government.